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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

MR. PUGSLEY AND ST. JOHN.

It is just possible that when Mr. Pugsley was rhapsodizing about squid in the House of Commons the other day he had the Daily Telegraph in mind. The squid is provided by nature with sacs or cells, in which it secretes a dark liquid and when pursued by an enemy it attempts to elude capture by projecting this liquid into the water and thus discoloring it, while the squid makes its escape. The tactics of the squid are not unlike the high strategy occasionally displayed by Mr. Pugsley's journalistic defender in Canterbury street. The other day Mr. Pugsley, in the House of Commons, advocated that the vote for work in St. John harbor should be cut in two and the extension of the breakwater to Partridge Island postponed. This plan, if carried into effect, would reduce the employment for St. John men on the harbor works, would tend to increase idleness and would also deprive this port of much needed public facilities.

Mr. Pugsley's attitude was evidently a surprise to the Telegraph, for that journal did not display its usual feverish eagerness in rushing to his defence. Now, however, it ventures the remark that it was not Mr. Pugsley who returned the Cammell Laird tenders and St. John, it declares, deprived St. John of a shipbuilding industry. This howitzer has been exploded by the Telegraph on more than one occasion but so far as can be seen the damage done was hardly commensurate with the noise of the fulmination. However, in order that the people may have the record straight it is just as well that the Cammell Laird gun should be spiked now so the Telegraph can devote its attention to fashioning new and better artillery.

The Cammell Laird firm offered to build destroyers and cruisers in the Port of St. John and at the same time another English firm of repute offered to build similar ships in Montreal. Mr. Pugsley must have known of both offers and yet he ignored the Montreal offer completely and told his constituents in this city that the shipbuilding works would be established here. At the same time Sir Wilfrid Laurier was promising the people of Montreal the establishment of similar works for a similar purpose. Now the Telegraph, brazen as it is in its claims for Mr. Pugsley, will hardly claim that the Liberals intended to build two such plants or that Sir Wilfrid Laurier did not know what he was talking about when he made his promises to Montreal. Consequently as there was to be but one plant, and both Sir Wilfrid and Mr. Pugsley had their choice locations picked out for it the question to be settled was which of these two gentlemen had the stronger pull. Could Mr. Pugsley land it for St. John or would the influence of Laurier and Montreal prevail? To ask the question is to answer it and evidence that Mr. Pugsley did not have it all his own way is found in the fact that the tenders were allowed to remain in his desk for five months unopened. Why? Was it because Mr. Pugsley knew he could not make good and wanted an opportunity to shift the responsibility on the shoulders of some one else? It would be quite in accord with the gentle William's little way of doing things.

In the meantime, and before the contract was awarded, the Conservative Government came into power and one of the first things Premier Borden took up was this very question of naval defence. He got into touch with the British Admiralty and was informed that the Laurier idea did not meet the view of the British Government. With this information the patriotic thing to do was to endeavor to mould a policy which would be approved in Great Britain and the Premier at once laid the information he had before the leader of the Opposition. Sir Wilfrid Laurier knew full well what the British Government wanted, Sir Wilfrid had all the information relating to the emergency and the necessity that whatever assistance Canada could provide should be given as quickly as possible if it was to be of real value. If Canada was to give what Britain wanted, ship yards either at St. John or Montreal would be of no immediate value for the yards would not have been half completed by the time the product of those yards would be required and Sir Wilfrid Laurier knew this just as well as Mr. Borden.

Yet, with all this knowledge, he stood up and, supported by Mr. Pugsley, fought the Borden proposal tooth and

nailed and finally had it strangled by his puppets in the Senate.

Now the Telegraph would place upon the shoulders of Hon. Mr. Hazen the responsibility for the return of the Cammell Laird tenders. The Telegraph knows that these were returned because, in view of the desire of the Admiralty the class of vessels the firm offered to build would not be needed. The Telegraph also knows that if Mr. Pugsley were as anxious as he professes to be regarding the future of St. John, if he had not feared the influence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in behalf of the Port of Montreal, the tenders could have been opened months before the Liberal government left office and the matter settled whether rightly or wrongly. Had this been done the Pugsley game would have been exposed, Montreal would have merely had another Pugsley promise to add to the choice collection so easily given and as easily forgotten after they had achieved their purpose.

The Telegraph does not hope to achieve any useful purpose by calling attention now to the Cammell Laird matter. It is merely seeking to cloud the water so that in the murky created the Honorable Squid Pugsley may elude for a little while longer the voters of this constituency who have a score to settle with him. And his latest effort to deprive St. John of harbor works rather than allow the credit for the development of this port to go to Honorable J. Douglas Hazen, the man who, in less than four years, has done more for St. John than Mr. Pugsley ever did or ever will do, will not lighten the accounting to which Mr. Pugsley will be called. The Telegraph will then have need of all its squid-like abilities to hide its master from the wrath of a justly indignant electorate.

GREECE AND ITALY.

According to the despatches the war spirit has reached such a pitch in Greece that the premier and cabinet have resigned because King Constantine, who was educated in Germany, and whose wife is a sister of the Kaiser, does not approve of the "pro-Allies" sentiments of his advisers. The resignation has been accepted and His Majesty will at once call upon the leader of the opposition to form a government. According to Atlantis, the Greek newspaper published in New York, it will not be an easy task for the Greek King to find a cabinet whose members are not in favor of joining in the war on the side of the Allies. During the past eight or ten days, and more especially since the commencement of the successful bombardment of the Dardanelles by the Allied fleet, the feeling that Greece should range herself on the side of the powers fighting against Germany has grown so strong as to become a most popular policy with the Greek people, and the cabinet which resigned on Saturday carries the approval of the great majority in their course.

Italy, also, is drawing nearer to actual participation in the world war. It is reported that by far the greater part of the Italian army has been mobilized at points from which they could speedily get over the Austrian frontier and march into the heart of Germany. Italian participation at the present stage, or within the next few weeks, would be the most important development which could come in the war situation and, possibly, would be a determining force in the cessation of the struggle.

While the assistance from Greece would be welcome, as that nation has a good sized army of well trained and well equipped soldiers, it is generally felt that Italy, more than any other power, would be most warmly welcomed. And the sentiment in Italy is pronouncedly opposed to Germany and Austria so that it is the opinion of observers that a decision of the Italian government to make common cause with the Allies would be most heartily endorsed if submitted to the Italian people.

Roumania has not abandoned the idea of doing a little fighting against her natural enemy, the Turk, so it would not be surprising if the end of the month should find the ranks of the Allies swelled by representations from all three nations. The statement of the Kaiser, "Germany stands alone in a world of enemies," is likely to prove literally as well as figuratively true.

The Telegraph has been crying out that citizens should take more interest in civic politics. When a citizen of the standing of Mr. John Vanwart is

sufficiently interested to become responsible for petitions seeking the abolition of commission government he succeeds in making himself a target for the cheap sarcasm and abuse of the journalistic squid who edits the Telegraph. Even the warmest defenders of the commission form must be impressed by the Telegraph's sense of decency and fair play.

Mr. Dark Lantern Brigadier Carvell has not yet been heard from regarding the new budget or the war tax. Of course he will oppose it. Why should any self-respecting Canadian Grit pay a war tax, the greater part of which is to be used to defray the cost of Canadian soldiers fighting under the leadership of a "General by the name of French."

The casualty lists from France announcing that members of the First Canadian Contingent have been wounded facing the foe brings the war still closer home to us. In many Canadian homes there will be mourning, but it will be tempered by the knowledge that Canada is doing her part in the world's greatest war.

The visit to St. John of Mr. Adams, the town planning expert, will be very welcome. A city made beautiful along the lines of scientific town planning generally means a healthier city.

Western papers are crying for the abolition of the party truce. The truce practically abolished itself with the first senseless opposition of the Grits in Parliament.

In reply to an interested correspondent we would remark that squid is about the same sort of insecticide as a Digby chicken.

"What is a squid? Who is a squid? Why is a squid?" Mr. Pugsley please reply.

AMERICAN SHIP SEIZED EN ROUTE TO ROTTERDAM

The Pacific, with Cotton cargo for Germany, taken into Deal by British warship.

Washington, Mar. 6.—Ambassador Page, at London, will probably be asked to report the details of the seizure of the American steamship Pacific, Captain Mundy, reported taken into Deal by a British warship. It is likely he will be asked to determine whether this is the first step by England in the "blockade" of Germany, proclaimed by France and Great Britain.

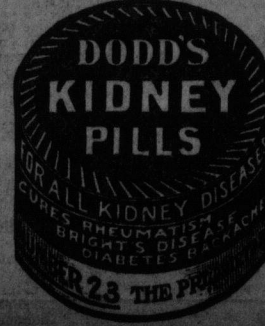
The Pacific sailed from Galveston on Feb. 7 for Rotterdam with cotton, intended eventually for Germany. She was loaded under government supervision and it is said there is no contraband in her cargo. Officials here are confident that even if she has been seized under the new Allied doctrine she eventually will be released.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF BOYS AT MONCTON

Varied programme at First Baptist Church—Sessions promise to be of much interest.

The second annual "Older Boys' Conference" to be held at the First Moncton United Baptist Church from March 12 to 14, under the auspices of the provincial advisory committee for co-operation in boys' work, promises of a large attendance of delegates and others interested in the work. The first session will be held on Friday night when an address of welcome will be given by Mayor McLean, followed by addresses by Rev. J. C. Robertson, and John L. Alexander, of Chicago. Three sessions will be held on Saturday. In the morning there will be a devotional address by Rev. J. K. Curtis, of Sackville; a paper will be read by Reginald Spencer, of Moncton, on "The organized Sunday School class for boys," another by Fred N. Myles, of St. John, on "Making the Sunday School interesting for boys," and another by John Jordan, of St. John on "Service for boys, by boys." These will be followed by a discussion, led by Mr. Alexander. An address will also be given by Rev. J. C. Robertson on "Co-operation in boys' work."

On Saturday afternoon Taylor Statton, National boys' work secretary of the Y. M. C. A., will give an address on "The Canadian Standard Efficiency Test," and another on "How to chart



Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE.

Me and Puds Sinkins and Sid Hunt were setting awn my frunt steps today, talking about diffrent things but nothing speesh, and Skinny Martins littel kid bruthir cam alawng holding a toy baloon awn the end of a string, and wat did he do but set rite down awn the steps with us as if he was invited.

Sum kids has got nerve, awl rite, seds Puds Sinkins. Maybe they aint, sed Sid Hunt.

Wat do you want, i sed. Well, it will kum down awn, sed Puds Sinkins. I want this baloon, sed Skinny Martins kid bruthir.

I want this baloon, sed Skinny Martins kid bruthir. And he kep awn setting there making his baloon go up and down by pulling the string, and after a wile Puds Sinkins sed to him, Let go of the string, we dont you, and the baloon will go way up in the air and youll have fun watching it.

I want this baloon, sed Skinny Martins kid bruthir. Well, it will kum rite down, sed Sid Hunt, go awn, leave go of the string, youll get it agen, wats you afayed of, it will kum rite down agen as soon as it gets up high enuf, wont it, Benny.

Sure it will, i sed. And Skinny Martins kid bruthir left go of the string and the baloon went rite up in the air as if sumthing was pushing it frum undreeth, only insted of going strate up it went the direkshin the wind was blowing, and Skinny Martins kid bruthir startid to yell, Its going away, its going away. And he kep awn yelling and making sutch a noise that ma cam out to the frunt door to see wat was the mattir, saying, Wats the mattir, Ferdinand, wat are you making sutch a drestill noise about.

Benny told me to let go of my baloon and it wood kum back and it aint kuming back, Benny told me to do it, Benny told me to do it, yelled Skinny Martins kid bruthir.

I did not, i sed. Wich i didnt, awl i sed being, Sure it will. Well, it will kum down awn, sed Sid Hunt, go awn, leave go of the string, youll get it agen, wats you afayed of, it will kum rite down agen as soon as it gets up high enuf, wont it, Benny.

Aw, G, ma, i sed, and ma sed, No aw G about it, you herd wat i sed.

And i startid to run aftr the baloon and Puds and Sid and Skinny Martins kid bruthir startid to run aftr me, and we ran about 5 blocks and the baloon went up over a roof and stayed there, and i rang the bell of the house and asked the lady if i wood go up awn her roof and get it and the lady sed, Wun of you can go up, but not awl 4 of you. And i went up and the baloon was awn the roof agest the chiminy, and i took it down, and gave it back to Skinny Martins kid bruthir, saying, Now aftr this you keep awl of our frunt steps.

boys on the C. S. E. test basis." The latter is for adults only. A. S. McAllister, Maritime secretary of the Y. M. C. A., will speak on the subject, "Your country needs you." On Saturday evening the proceedings will begin with a banquet, the toast list including "The King and Empire," "Canada," "Our Leaders," and "The Ladies." Anthems will be sung and an address given by Mr. McAlexander whose subject is "Doing it."

At 9:30 on Sunday morning there will be delegation meetings, the delegates attending church service at 11 o'clock. On Sunday afternoon Mr. Alexander will give an address taking for his subject "On the trail." The boy delegates will march into the main body of the church at seven o'clock in the evening, the order of service including special music by the choir, reading of conference minutes, delegation reports and announcements. The farewell address, "What next?" will be given by Mr. Alexander.

ADDRESS BY EVANGELIST McPHERSON.

Evangelist Lowell C. McPherson, of New York, addressed a large congregation at Douglas Avenue Christian church yesterday evening, the building being crowded. He took for his subject God's Providence, and referred to the words of Jesus in Matthew vi:

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St. John hospital cerebral

News of the town C. J. M. dian coating gret by a w words of his sister, M on Friday night yesterday

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Mrs. James W. with paralysis 19th ult., d. March 4 at 11. The deceased and her demer her large child ceased is survived by her daughter of Port Jeff. sons, Benjamin service, St. Winnipeg, M. mother, Mrs. widow of R. brothers and Capt. Benjamin England; Ca